

SENATE RESOLUTION 137

By Ketron

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend John Black for being named the 2017 Business Person of the Year by the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is John Black, who, in recognition of his talents and savvy as a business leader, has been named the 2017 Business Person of the Year by the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black serves as the executive director of the Smyrna/Rutherford County Airport Authority. During his twenty-six-year tenure, the Airport Authority has invested more than \$127 million into the airport and twice garnered the Airport of the Year Award for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with the Airport Authority, John Black lends his talents to such notable organizations as the Smyrna Rotary Club, which he served as president; the Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) graduate studies program, which he has served as an aerospace adjunct faculty member since 2001; and the Arnold Community Council, which he served as president. He has also served on the board of directors for both the TriStar StoneCrest Medical Center and the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, John Black received his bachelor's degree in aviation management and his master's degree in aerospace from MTSU; he is also a graduate of Leadership Middle Tennessee and Leadership Rutherford; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Black received the 2015 Pinnacle Award from Leadership Rutherford and the Airport Manager of the Year award for the Federal Aviation Administration Southern Region; and

WHEREAS, his notable accomplishments aside, John Black is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Libby, and their two children, Chelsea and Austin; and

WHEREAS, John Black epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud John Black for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, his unwavering commitment to others, and his astute leadership in Rutherford County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend John Black for being named the 2017 Business Person of the Year by the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce and extend to him our best wishes for success in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.